

Hunting, Skeet Shooting Becoming Popular Sport

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Makers of arms and ammunition are enjoying the sound of shooting across the land these days as 20 million Americans enjoy the "new" sport of hunting and trap, skeet and target shooting.

This rise in popularity of shooting has come about in spite of the spread of suburbia, which has pushed gun clubs farther and farther from the big cities. Getting a little loser to nature seems to bring out the hunter in the suburbanite.

One of the newest developments to encourage the sport is the shooting range, frequently located near urban population centers. These ranges offer city enthusiasts a chance to sharpen up their marksmanship. And the shooter can bring his own gun, or rent one from the range operator, as he chooses.

In spite of the growing number of hunters the amount of wild game in the country is said to be increasing. Indeed, one report contends there are more deer now than when Columbus landed.

TILE MAKERS oppose tariff cuts — Members of Congress have been called on to help the ceramic tile industry overcome the threat of a 50 per cent cut in glazed wall tile tariffs that would "place a severe burden on the competitive position of the industry, eliminate jobs and force many small firms out of business."

The domestic tile industry is spread through 17 states, many of which already are hard hit by unemployment in other industries.

An industry spokesman says foreign producers are rapidly absorbing American markets. Glazed wall tile markets, for instance, are growing 6 per cent a year, but imports are rising 16 per cent annually.

Tariff levels are now being negotiated at Geneva during the "Kennedy Round" of

talks being conducted under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT). The ceramic tile industry sought to have glazed tile reserved from the negotiations, as provided by the Trade Expansion Act of 1962.

The proposed tariff cut, according to an industry spokesman, would prompt even greater efforts to sell foreign wall tile in the United States and if the trend continues, the Congressmen were warned, Japan by 1970 will have taken over 60 per cent of the glazed wall tile market in this country.

MANAGEMENT problem solver — The men managing the country's public utilities face human problems that are pretty typical of those that challenge any business executive. Problems pertaining to effective motivation and direction of subordinates, the temptation to tell the boss only what he wants to hear instead of bringing issues out into the open, the reluctance of the hard-driving executive to delegate authority, these are human factors that crop up among management teams everywhere. However, the utility industry has been a pioneer in coming to grips with them.

Some 13 years ago, at the request of the utility industry, Columbia University's School of Engineering and Applied Science set up the first of its annual Utility Management Workshops, dedicated to the development of leadership within the industry itself. Over 350 utility executives have "graduated" in inception of the workshop in 1951. This year's workshop features experts in psychiatry, psychology, social psychology, and anthropology who will discuss their respec-

tive specialties as they relate to human behavior in the utility business.

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Work Ends On Waleria Storm Drain

Work on the Waleria Lake storm drain in Torrance has been completed and the project will be in service during the coming winter wet season, Supervisor Burton W. Chace has disclosed.

The project was supervised by M. E. Salisbury, chief engineer of the County Flood Control District, under terms of a \$975,724 contract awarded two years ago to Radco Construction Co., Inc., Los Angeles.

Chace said work included construction of a retention basin and pump station northwest of 236th Street and Hawthorne Avenue. A drainage line was installed from the pump station west in 236th to an existing drain at Madison Avenue.

The facility was financed as part of the \$225 million storm drain bond issue of 1958, Chace said.

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